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Jenny,

Many thanks for the update on the aquaculture projects.

As I mentioned early on during the first telecons and emails, the two test project locations are generally considered as 'no issue' since they are not significant to 96th Test Wing (96 TW) operations areas for Test and Training in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico (EGOMEX). However, should more of these projects be considered in federal waters within the EGOMEX, I would ask for another review by all the stakeholders of the existing Stipulations for Notices to Lessees regarding proposed oil and gas work in the EGOMEX. The gist of those stipulations are focused on coordination with the nearest military unit prior to establishing a presence on the water, hold-harmless agreements, and potential for evacuation of the project if considered a conflict with military missions. While the stipulations might sound 'onerous' they are focused on personnel safety for anyone on the water during test or training missions that might pose a risk to them.

My thoughts are certainly NOT legal opinions, and I don't know how the DoD Clearinghouse might view more wide-spread aquaculture projects in the EGOMEX. My opinion comes from several years of experience in my primary responsibility as the 96 TW liaison with BOEM and the various oil and gas entities who propose such activity in the EGOMEX.

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Public hearing on the Kampachi NPDES permit

The public hearing for the Kampachi NPDES permit was held last night in Sarasota. Here are a couple of articles from this morning's press. Work group members who attended can provide their perspectives on our next call. EPA Region 4 will make a decision on the permit after the extended public comment period closes on February 4.

<https://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20200128/supporters-detactors-weigh-in-on-fish-farm-epa-permit-at-meeting-in-sarasota>

<https://www.mysuncoast.com/2020/01/29/fish-farm-protest-meeting-discussing-proposed-plans-off-coast-sarasota/>

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